

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

All child care facilities, public or independent kindergarten, and elementary and secondary schools must collect proof of immunization or exemption from students prior to entry and while enrolled. These regulations, which establish minimum immunization requirements for attendance at child care facilities, public or independent kindergartens, elementary, secondary and postsecondary schools, seek to prevent the introduction and/or transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases within child care facilities and schools.

**AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCES:**

18 V.S.A. §§1121, 1122 - Immunizations

<http://Legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/18/021/01121>.

Immunization Rule adopted 6/1/2016

<http://healthvermont.gov/regs/index.aspx#i>

Vermont School Entry Requirements

[http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/schoolentry\\_iz\\_requirements.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/schoolentry_iz_requirements.pdf)

Vermont Immunization Registry

<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/IMR/index.aspx>

Immunization Program

<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/index.aspx>

Child Care (including Pre-kindergarten) Entry

<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/ChildCareEntry.aspx>

**REQUIRED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:**

1. Follow the Vermont Department of Health guidelines for enforcement of the school immunization law.
2. Review all immunization records of students prior to entering the school system.
3. Maintain immunization record of all students within the school community.
4. Complete the annual immunization status report for the Vermont Department of Health, due January 1.
5. Develop protocol for tracking of students without adequate immunization.
6. Notify parent(s)/guardian of the need for additional immunizations or adequate documentation.
7. Establish list of students with medical or, religious exemptions to immunizations (sample below).
8. Collaborate with administration about procedure for exclusion of students not compliant with immunization law.

**SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:**

1. Enroll in the Immunization registry: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/IMR/index.aspx>
2. Contact local medical home to establish protocol for sharing immunization information.
3. Review immunization requirements for immigrants/refugees.

**WHEN STUDENTS ARE NEW TO THE UNITED STATES:**

Work with your SU/SD's Student Services Director and School Counselor to --

- Identify health status and how long they have been in the US.
  - Students who are officially Refugees under the UN High Commission qualify for certain services and hold legal status.
  - Undocumented students
- Identify that student has access to financial and social resources to access:
  - Healthcare, including immunizations (see [Health Appraisal of Students section of this Manual](#) and the [VDH School Entry Requirements](#) and [Child Care Entry Requirements](#))
  - Insurance
- As with all students facilitate their access to a medical and dental home. Students from some countries may have been exposed to endemic disease, i.e. tuberculosis, HIV, Hepatitis so access to care may be of higher importance as they attend school.
- Please use the resources below for assistance with the topics above:

**ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR STUDENTS IN VERMONT NEW TO THE US**

<http://healthvermont.gov/rural/maps.aspx>

**Free Clinics:** VT Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured

<http://www.vtccu.org/>

**FQHC:** Federally Qualified Health Clinics in Vermont

[http://healthvermont.gov/rural/documents/FQHC\\_map.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/rural/documents/FQHC_map.pdf)

**Immunizations**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html>

Link to multilingual handouts <https://healthreach.nlm.nih.gov>

Link to multilingual Vaccine Information Statements: <http://immunize.org/vis/>

**Undocumented Immigrants & Access to Health Care**

<http://www.undocumentedpatients.org/issuebrief/health-policy-and-access-to-care/>

**RESOURCES:**

Phadke, V.K., Bednarczyk, R.A., Salmon, D.A., Omer, S.B., (2016). Association Between Vaccine Refusal and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the United States A Review of Measles and Pertussis. *Journal of American Medical Association*. 315(11):1149-1158. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.1353

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[http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Rule5440\\_Supplement\\_A\\_Licensing\\_Endorsements.pdf#page=118](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Rule5440_Supplement_A_Licensing_Endorsements.pdf#page=118)

**SAMPLE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS – must update annually from VDH website**

**All Forms current as of March 25, 2016** <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>

- *K-12 Requirements* -- [http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/schoolentry\\_iz\\_requirements.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/schoolentry_iz_requirements.pdf)
- *Vaccines for Pre-teens* -- [http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/vaccines\\_preteens.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/vaccines_preteens.pdf)
- *Post-Secondary Requirements* -- [http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/iz\\_college\\_letter.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/iz_college_letter.pdf)
- *Varicella Disease (Chickenpox) Documentation*--  
[http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Documentation\\_of\\_Varicella\\_Disease.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Documentation_of_Varicella_Disease.pdf)

**School Immunization Exemption**

- *Exemption forms signed annually* --<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>
- (Look under the forms section specific to the medical or religious exemption)
- *College and Post-Secondary Exemption Form – (As of 7/1/16)*  
[http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/College\\_Exemptions.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/College_Exemptions.pdf)
- *Medical Exemption Form* -- <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Medexemption.pdf>
- *Memo from VDH to Vermont Principals (9/2014):* [http://education.vermont.gov/documents/AOE-VDH\\_Joint\\_Letter\\_to\\_Field\\_Immunizations\\_9\\_2014.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/AOE-VDH_Joint_Letter_to_Field_Immunizations_9_2014.pdf)
- *Religious Exemption Form – (As of 7/1/16)*  
[http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Religious\\_Exemption\\_SY16-17.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Religious_Exemption_SY16-17.pdf)
- *Required Parent Education* --  
[http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Parent\\_Education\\_for\\_Religious\\_Exemption.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Parent_Education_for_Religious_Exemption.pdf)

**Child Care Entry:** <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/ChildCareEntry.aspx#forms> - All forms are current as of 9/19/13